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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

This Comment is filed in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 20, 2008.

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REMARKS

The Notice of Allowance mailed August 20, 2008 provides the Examiner's reasons for allowing the claims of the present application. As explained below, Applicant traverses several statements by the Examiner. Other statements by the Examiner not addressed below may also be incorrect.

The Examiner states on page 4 of the Notice of Allowance that Bailey discloses features of claim 1, including a query modifier and a query intent personalizer. Bailey does not disclose a query modifier. Bailey simply executes received queries. Furthermore, the query modifier of claim 1 modifies a query term group and a determined query type. Bailey discloses no grouping of terms of a query. The search engine of Bailey has no query type recognizer. Nor does Bailey's search engine have a query intent personalizer that provides user information to a query term recognizer and a query type recognizer.

These comments apply to similar features in claims 16, 27, and 35.

Applicant again notes that silence on other statements by the Examiner is not to be taken as agreement with the Examiner.

Should any fees be required in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0463.

Respectfully submitted,

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